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## Editors's Comments

This edition of SGT has been greatly modified as a result of the need to send a ballot and to print the Constitution and By-Laws. The ballot requires that we drop 4 pages (weight problem) and the C & BL took 7+ pages. Then, much additional news and happenings required space. Next issue (May) we will get back on schedule.

You are all aware that in this 1993 we will be nominating and electing directors in OOTC for the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 0th FCC call districts. Nominations are open. At the present moment one Director for each district has been nominated. Not all have yet received the required 3-endorsements to insure their name is on the ballot to be published with the September, 1993 SGT. Those nominated so far are:

2nd Call Area	Harrison Moore, W2JQS	3 endorsements
4th Call Area	Bob Bookwalter, W4NWF	3 endorsements
6th Call Area	Harry S. Gartsman, W6ATC	3 endorsements
8th Call Area	John E. Hoffer, W8CWY	0 endorsements
0th Call Area	Leo I Meyerson, W0GFQ	0 endorsements

Endorsements for W8CWY from members in the 8th district are needed to insure his candidacy and the same for W0GFQ, for the 0th district. Will members in those districts endorse your candidates and/or nominate additional candidates! There is plenty of time, but none to waste.

We have received several excellent stories for publication but as you will see, this issue simply couldn't handle them. They will appear in the May SGT. Thank you for sending them, and keep 'em coming.

We are beginning work on the 1993 OOTC membership Roster. With all of our other activities it will take some time to get the files in proper condition. We had hoped to print it this spring, it now appears that it will be a summer production. Remember !!!! make certain that all information we have is correct. Check your mailing label, if an error, no matter how small exists, write to us today, a postcard will do the job. It's so much easier to fix mistakes now than try to explain later why they happened. There are enough pixies around with inviting them to lunch!

It is believed needful to talk briefly about the new Constitution and By-Laws presented herein for membership study and balloting. For some time we have been frustrated by trying to interpret the C & BL dated 12/11/84. For example - let us look at the matter of Directors for OOTC:

The Constitution, Art IV, Sec. 1 says, "...be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least ten members, one each to be elected from and by each of the ten radio districts." **Here we have 10 directors specified.**

The By-Laws, Art 1, Sec 1 says, "There shall be a total of ten directors elected one each by written secret ballot . . . . " **and here again 10 directors specified.**



Again By-Laws, Art V, Sec 4 says, "The Board consists of ten elected members, the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer." **Whoop's, here we have 13 directors specified.**

You takes your choice, I guess. Then there is the matter of Life Memberships. Absolutely no one can fathom the reason for the system developed. For instance, in 1976, if you joined OOTC, you paid \$15 and became a Life Member. Then, as now, there was no choice, it was Life membership or no membership. Of course it got further afield by specifying that Life Membership really didn't mean much. You didn't get OOTC Publications. This led to the situation where a new member could enroll, get his certificate and then never hear from OOTC again. Who ever heard of paying for a Life Membership which did not include **all** advantages of membership? And of course, The Constitution was loaded with items that should have been in the By-Laws, and vice-versa.

Last but not least, the Committee, planning ahead, prepared the Constitution so that we could file for Not-For-Profit status with the IRS, bringing us all the advantages accruing from that action.

Believe me, the C & BL Revision committee has worked long and hard to bring order out of chaos, to simplify, clarify and otherwise make the proposed C & BL an understandable document, free from as many "to wits" and "where as's" as possible. Their work follows here and we urge you to read through it and if you believe it to be as good as we feel it to be, please mark and cast your ballot! Oh yes, the C & BL Committee was:

**Leland Smith, W5KL; Ralph Cabanillas, W6IL; Lee Knirko, W9MOL**

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**PLEASE ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH THE NEW CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS, THEN MARK AND MAIL YOUR BALLOT TODAY. DON'T MISS THIS IMPORTANT ACTION!**

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OOTC has a new Registered Agent for the State of Rhode Island!

As reported in the January, 1993 SGT, OOTC was notified by its then Registered Agent, that he had resigned the position. In the event that you are in the dark about this matter, let us say that OOTC was originally incorporated in Rhode Island and that the Public Law of that State requires that a corporation have an agent of record, living in Rhode Island, through which the State may make contact with the corporation in the event that such contact is necessary. Upon receiving word of the agents resignation, we cast about to find a replacement. We were fortunate indeed to find a good OOTC member, Robert Warren, K1POM, living in Barrington, Rhode Island who, when appraised of our need, volunteered to act in an official capacity for OOTC.

The Board of Directors acted to approve his appointment and the necessary papers to make the appointment official have been forwarded to the State. Thanks go to Robert for his help, and to all others who have worked to bring this matter to a happy close.



# OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB, INC.

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

Section 1. The name of the organization is Old Old Timers Club, Inc. (OOTC, Inc)

Section 2. Its purposes are:

- a. To operate exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, entitling the corporation to exemption under the provisions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954, as amended; specifically to gather and chronicle historical facts regarding the development of wireless communication with special emphasis on contributions by individuals without regard to race, color or religious leaning; and to provide and administer an educational assistance fund to aid worthy students majoring in scientific and engineering studies.
- b. In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the corporation shall have all general powers enumerated in Section 202 N-PCL together with the power to solicit grants and contributions for corporate purposes.
- c. This corporation shall not, directly or indirectly, engage in or include among its purposes any activities mentioned in Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, Section 404(b)-(p) of Executive Law Section 757.
- d. No part of the income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation effecting one or more of its purposes) and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation.
- e. No part of the activities of the corporation shall be to carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempting in any significant way to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- f. In event of dissolution of the corporation, all remaining assets and properties of the corporation shall, after necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of

the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, subject to an order of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State Of Rhode Island.

- g. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, and the corporation shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code; (b) retain any excessive business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code; (c) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

## ARTICLE II

### Membership

- Section 1. The membership shall consist of those persons who have signed the Certificate of Incorporation together with all persons who are hereafter received in or elected to membership as herein provided.
- Section 2. Any person is eligible for membership who is presently licensed under the provisions of Part 73 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission or licensed in the amateur service of their country of residence, and who provides evidence of personal wireless communication at least 40 years prior to making application.
- Section 3. The classes of membership and fees are those prescribed in the By-Laws.
- Section 4. Any member may withdraw from the Club by presenting the Executive Secretary a written statement of resignation.
- Section 5. Any member in the Club may be expelled for violation of the By-Laws of the Club or for other reasons prejudicial to the best interests of the Club. Such expulsion will be effected by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any duly called meeting. Any resigned or expelled member forfeits all rights and privileges of the Club.

## ARTICLE III

### Government

- Section 1. Management of the Club's affairs is vested in the Board of Directors who shall be elected as specified in the By-Laws.



- Section 2. The governing body of the Club shall be the Board of Directors.
- Section 3. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President who shall serve as Chairman of the Board, Vice President, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Selection of the Officers shall be as specified in the By-Laws.
- Section 4. The Board of Directors shall, where practicable, meet at least once annually or syllabus proceedings may be initiated at the call of the President.
- Section 5. Should a vacancy occur among the officers or Board of Directors, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Directors as prescribed in the By-Laws.
- Section 6. Action leading to recall of any officer of OOTC may be initiated by petition, submitted to the Executive Secretary. The petition must be signed by 25 members in good standing and must contain a statement of charges. The Board of Directors must act upon the petition within 60 days of its receipt.
- Section 7. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all Committees.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Meetings

- Section 1. Meetings of the Club may be held throughout the year at the call of the President.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Financial Obligations

- Section 1. Financial obligations shall not be incurred on behalf of the Club except by approval of the Board of Directors as defined in the By-Laws.
- Section 2. All obligations incurred by the Club shall be corporate obligations and no personal liability shall be attached to, or incurred by any member, officer or director of the Club by reason of such corporate obligation.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Amendments

- Section 1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors or by petition signed by no less than twenty-five members in good standing. Membership petitions shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary in



writing. Notice of the proposal will be published in the earliest edition of the Club's publication together with a ballot. The amendment will be adopted if two-thirds of the votes received favor such action, the polls having been open for at least 30 days after mailing of the ballot to all qualified members.

## OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1

#### Membership

- Section 1. The membership of the Club shall consist of the following grades: Members, Life Members, Associate Members and Honorary Members. Members in good standing shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club except that Associate and Honorary Members may not hold office or be elected as Directors.
- Section 2. A person eligible for membership may apply by application to the Executive Secretary on the most recent edition of the form prescribed by the Board of Directors submitting with it the entrance fee and initial dues payment.
- Section 3. A member in good standing is one whose prescribed dues have been paid.
- Section 4. Associate members are those eligible for membership with exception of holding an Amateur Service license issued under Part 73 of the Federal Communications Rules or in the amateur service of their country of residence.
- Section 5. Membership may be granted by the Executive Secretary after determining that information specified in the Constitution, Article II, Section 2 has been provided, is complete and factual.
- Section 6. An Honorary Member shall be any person whose contributions to the art or science of electronic communications have been recognized by the Board of Directors.
- Section 7. Members of OOTC as of January 1, 1950 are regarded as Charter Members.

### ARTICLE II

#### Fees and Dues

- Section 1. Entrance and membership fees shall be established by the Board of Directors and will be published in each issue of Spark Gap Times (SGT) and in the current edition of the approved member-

ship application form. Such fees shall entitle the member to receive, but not be limited to, all Old Old Timers Club publications, the Club pin, membership certificate, membership stamps, decal, and membership card.

Section 2. Honorary members are exempt from payment of dues and fees.

Section 3. Each applicant accepted for membership shall be assigned a membership number issued in serial order. The number shall not knowingly be reassigned to another member.

Section 4. Any member whose dues have not been received by three months after expiration shall be so notified and shall be placed on inactive status.

Section 5. Any member on inactive status may reinstate and receive his original membership number, without penalty, upon payment of at least one year's dues.

### ARTICLE III

#### Officers & Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors have responsibility for the affairs of the Club in conformance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws. It shall direct the care and disbursal of the funds of the Club. It will appoint an Executive Secretary and fix compensation. It may appoint an Executive Committee to carry out certain responsibilities during any period the Board is not in session. It may designate past officers and Directors to honorary non-voting positions.

Section 2. The offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer are elected by the Board from among the members of the Board as constituted following election of Directors in odd years. The officers serve a 2-year term beginning January 1 of each even numbered year. There is no limitation to the number of terms an Officer may serve. The Executive Secretary will serve an indefinite term and hold office until replaced by a two-thirds vote of the Board. Should a vacancy occur among the Officers or Board of Directors, such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Officers or directors shall not receive remuneration for their services.

Section 4. The Directors of the Club shall serve a term of two years or until their successors are elected. The term of each to begin on January 1 following their election. Directors representing FCC districts 1 3 5 7 9 shall be elected in even numbered years and take office January 1 of odd numbered years. Directors representing



FCC districts 2 4 6 8 0 shall be elected in odd numbered years and take office on January 1 of even numbered years.

- Section 5. An Executive Committee may be appointed by the Board of Directors to consist of: The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Secretary. The Executive Committee would carry out specific responsibilities authorized by the Board of Directors in the interim between meetings or consultations. The Executive Committee would not control the care and appropriation of OOTC Funds. All committee actions are subject to review by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV

### Duties of Officers

- Section 1. The President shall have general supervision of the Club which shall include but not be limited to presiding at meetings of the Club, serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors and appointing such committees as are deemed necessary.
- Section 2. The Vice President shall assist the President in performance of the President's duties and in the absence of the President, shall assume the duties of the President.
- Section 3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the Club, receiving all dues and funds and will include but not be limited to making such payments for the Club as directed by the Board. The Treasurer shall prepare a financial report at least annually, to be published in SGT.
- Section 4. The Executive Secretary shall function in compliance with terms defined in the Corporate Charter as follows: "the corporate powers for the carrying on of the general and routine business of the Corporation shall be delegated to an Executive Secretary, who shall have in addition such further powers as shall be delegated to him in specific cases. He shall sign all contracts and property transactions, real and personal." He shall record minutes of all Corporate actions.

## ARTICLE V

### Nominations and Elections

- Section 1. Petitions for election to the Board of Directors shall be coordinated through the Office of the Executive Secretary. Petitions to nominate by membership will be published in each issue of SGT beginning with the January issue of each year. Each issue of SGT will list progress of the development of a slate of candidates for each office of director to be filled.
- Section 2. Candidates for the office of director must be members in good

standing at the time of their nomination.

Section 3.

Nominations for the offices of Director may be made by any member in good standing. Both the member and the nominee must be residents of the same FCC district. Nominations for each district must be endorsed by at least 3 members in good standing. Such nominations should be made as early as possible so that they can be published in the July issue of SGT. The period for Nominations will close on September 1 of each year. Nominations must be in writing addressed to the Executive Secretary. All nominations will be published in SGT and properly endorsed candidates will be added to the official ballot to be mailed to members in the September issue of SGT. The polls close October 31 of each year.

Section 4.

No candidate may be nominated for office without their concurrence.

## ARTICLE VI

### Chapters

Section 1.

Chapters of OOTC may be formed on approval by the Board of Directors.

- a. A chapter must have at least 10 members living in the same geographical area.
- b. Each chapter member must be a member in good standing with the Old Old Timers Club, Inc and who shall remit dues directly to the Old Old Timers Club.
- c. Chapters will be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Old Old Timers Club, Inc.
- d. Each chapter may elect its own Officers and Board of Directors, which shall include a President and a Secretary who will correspond with Old Old Timers Club, Inc., and keep the Club informed of activities of the chapter.
- e. Each chapter must be financially self supporting. The chapter may have social and business meetings as desired, the purposes of which shall conform to the principles of OOTC, Inc. It shall make every effort to publish a periodical to its members reporting on chapter activities. It shall provide an annual report of membership and activities to OOTC, Inc.

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## ARTICLE VII

### Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended from time to time by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors at any called meeting or a majority vote of the full Board of Directors in any syllabus proceeding.

Section 2. Petitions to the Board of Directors for modification of the By-Laws may be submitted to the Executive Secretary with the signatures of 25 or more members in good standing at the time of submission. The Board of Directors must act on the petition within 60 days of its submission.

--- End of Documents ---

## **SPARKS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SEAP)**

We have given thought and have spoken of SEAP in our letters to members. Much is to be gained by achieving the IRS 501 (c) (3) status and while OOTC does a good deal in educational work, establishing a charitable program certainly improves the chance of getting IRS approval. In our case it might be a program to provide financial help to needy students in colleges and universities. Several ways are available to set up a program. Our thoughts lean toward ways to get moving rapidly. A possible system would put together a committee of OOTC members whose financial position is such that they can make a gift of \$50 annually, without hardship, for the next three years. If 15 OOTC members were able to do this, we would have \$750 to fund our first Educational Award in the year 1994, and for the following years, 1995 and 1996. This might permit us to petition the IRS for 501 (c)(3) in mid 1994. Gifts would not be limited to the \$50. Gifts of any size would be welcome. We feel OOTC should, if it becomes involved, take on the work of raising money and, in administering the fund. This could be made a reasonable task by establishing a system of Grants in Aid rather than scholarships. When funds and experience were accumulated, both type awards might be set up. We feel that OOTC should not attempt to accumulate a large nest-egg or commit to a perpetual program. Instead that OOTC should award funds accumulated each year. A Committee might consist of the President and the balance made up of the first 15 members making the the root pledge of \$50 for each of the next three years.

One route for making awards would be to select a College or University each year and through proper authorities, provide them with the grant for, say 1994, and let the school administration make the award to a student they consider both worthy and needy. After all, who could better judge than school administrators who have access to student history and needs. There are, we are certain, other ways of working the program. Time and experience would bring them to light.

Speaking informally with OOTC members, we have already received four pledges of a gift of \$50 for each of the years, 1993, 1994, 1995. An account was established and one member has already sent in his first \$50. Think about this matter and if you see it as a worthy OOTC project, let us know. If you see other projects worthy of examination, let us know. If you wish to take part in planning a program, your help is solicited. In the event that nothing comes of the entire idea, gifts to the Sparks Awards will be returned. Any program of this type must be approved by the Board and supported by membership. Let us know how you feel about the matter!

## OOTC 2000

In reading letters from so many of our OT's a silly idea hit us and so before it gets away, here's what came out. Quite a few of you have written that you are hoping to hang in there until the year 2000. Well, why not, and why don't we have a bit of fun with it while we're working on the 'hanging in there'. If you all are interested, let's start our own 21st Century Club. How about us preparing a membership card and issuing OOTC 21C memberships to those interested. I think we can get some membership certificates made, and the cards will be easy. We'll set up a database file, and begin with member number 1, and go on until the year 2000. It will be great, if we're here then, to look back, remember with sadness those who didn't make it, and thank lucky stars for those who did. How high on the number list do you think we'll get?

There ought to be a few (darn few) rules. Let's say that to be eligible, you must be an OOTC member. That ought to be enough rules. To make it fair to all, let's assign membership numbers beginning with No. 21C-0001, which will be assigned to the 13th 21C membership application we receive. All others will be in the order received. The club will continue until New Years eve, 1999. At that time a final report will be made while we sing "Auld Lang Syne" and the club will come to an end - just about seven years from now.

If you are interested, send a card or letter to OOTC and simply say, let me in the 21C - oh yes, someone would ask - no there ain't no dues, we're in this for fun and hope that we get to see the finish line. If you want to contribute a postage stamp once in a while that's OK, but nothing else!

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**This issue of SGT is going to many OOTC members we have not heard from in years, some may be Silent Keys. We want you to become a part of OOTC, won't you please reinstate - only \$7 for a year, and get into the swing of OOTC activities!**

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We would like very much to thank so many of our faithful OOTC members who have responded to the birthday cards - they will go out each month from now on and, likewise, we want to thank you who have used the self-addressed blue return envelopes now being sent regularly to members whose dues may have lapsed, or about to do so. Remembering to read that date on the mailing labels is not the easiest thing in the world, and it is easy to forget. We are now and will continue to send dues notices to all mem-

bers at regular intervals, all with the OOTC blue envelope. Thanks a bunch for your help given so freely to OOTC - all that is needed now is for us to let you know we appreciate it. We send notices to all whose dues have recently expired, and to those whose dues will expire within about three months! Birthday cards are sent out the beginning of the last week of each month, for those whose birthdays are reported to be in the month following!

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Shortly after the untimely passing of our "Uncle" Gus Gironda, W2JE, the Board of Directors elected Harrison Moore, W2JQS to fill out the unexpired term of W2JE as Director representing the 2nd call area. That term will end December 31, 1993.



## THE O O T C DUES STRUCTURE REVISED

The OOTC Board of Directors adopted a new and simplified fee structure to apply to all OOTC members beginning May 1, 1993. To make the system clear, let us compare the old (existing) system with the new:

**Existing Fee System:****New Members pay as follows:**

Initiation	\$3.00
Life Membership	\$19.00
Sustaining fee	\$7.00 annually

**Newly Adopted Fee System****All New Members to pay:**

Initiation	\$5.00
Annual Membership	\$10.00

Under the old system a new member paid \$29.00, was given a "Life Membership" and all services for one year. Confusion existed because the Life Membership did not provide OOTC services. All services depended upon payment of a \$7 "sustaining" fee needed to fund OOTC publications, etc. Many members did not understand the system, and did not pay the sustaining fee. Thus, they became members, but did not again hear from OOTC. A confusing and unsatisfactory system. To most of us, Life Membership means that for a special fee, all services are provided for Life. That was not the case in OOTC.

Under the new system, the cost of joining OOTC is sharply lowered and there are no hidden omissions. You can become a full member receiving all OOTC benefits for \$15 for the first year. Thereafter membership is extended by payment of \$10, or multiples thereof. International and Domestic members are treated exactly alike.

Present Life Members may wonder just where they stand. A word of explanation is in order. All existing Life Members, as of May 1, 1993 will be maintained as Life Members. They will continue to have all OOTC services except publications, no change from the present. If they want OOTC publications, the fee (dues) will be \$10 per year. They will have the right to vote, and be listed in OOTC Rosters whether an annual membership fee is paid, or not. Issuance of Life Memberships will terminate at the end of the day, April 30, 1993.

Beginning May 1, 1993 all New members will come in at \$15.00 which includes the \$10 annual fee. They will be maintained as active members as long as their annual dues (fee) of \$10 is paid. In the event that they do not pay the annual fee, they will, 90 days after dues expiration, be listed in an inactive file. Members in the inactive file will not have the right to vote or to be listed in OOTC rosters. Membership records will not be destroyed! OOTC services will be ended at the time of transfer from active to inactive status. Reinstatement may be initiated by payment of at least one year's dues, without penalty.

It is believed that this new system will make joining OOTC less expensive, and at the same time not work a hardship on existing members, while in the long run increasing OOTC income somewhat.

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With the new dues schedule being approved, we have made arrangements to have new Membership applications prepared which will specify the correct amount for both initiation and dues which become effective on May 1. A complete membership application, using the new fees will be a part of the May Spark Gap Times.

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In the recently published January, 1993 SGT, we managed to misspell Al Krones, K9AA name. It was called to our attention! Fred Linn, W9NZF wrote that Al is back home, out of hospital. He was suffering an insulin imbalance and dietary difficulties. He now has some help and is feeling much better!

Some time ago we got into the problem of defining how big a condenser would have to be to have a capacitance of 1-Farad. Well, you might not believe it, but this sort of rankled Uncle Sam, and since he is an expert when it comes to big numbers (now about 4-trillion dollars in the hole?). We decided to try to make understandable the amount of money represented by one-trillion dollars. Hold your hat, then decide whether or not Uncle Sam outdid Mr. Farad.

We broke down the sum of one trillion dollars this way. For one-trillion dollars, you could build a \$75,000 house, place it on \$5000 worth of land, furnish it with \$10,000 worth of furniture and put a \$10,000 car in the garage and, give this to each and every family in the States of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado and Iowa. A total of 5,320,990 families for a total of 533 billion dollars spent.

Having done this, you would still have enough left from the original one-trillion dollars (467 billion dollars) to put aside, a fund that if drawing 6-percent annual interest, the interest would provide enough cash money to pay a salary of \$25,000 per year for an army of 10,000 nurses, the same salary for an army of 10,000 teachers, and an annual cash allowance of \$5000 for each and every family throughout the named six-state region, not for just one year, but forever. Your bank balance each year would be 467 billion dollars, just drawing interest.

In conventional terms, a trillion is one-million million. or,  $1 \times 10^{12}$ . Our national budget deficit is approximately one-third of a trillion dollars annually! Seems like someone ought to get cracking on how to get things working on a micro-trillion, or better yet, a micro-micro

## OOTC SILENT KEYS REPORTED

John A. Hutcheson, K3ZVH (430) 3/11/92  
A. J. Gironda, W2JE (977) 1/18/93  
Leon G. S. Wood, W1WK (1108) 2/8/93  
Fred T. Post, K5VKK (1123) 12/20/92  
William R. Eastman, K4OC (1574) 01/15/93  
A. J. Mitchell, W1AZP (1586) 12/11/91  
Otto N. Geyer, W8EA (1717) 6/30/90  
Leigh W. Blakslee, Jr, W4BGR (2041) 12/23/92  
Oswald F. Judisch, WB2HDV (2084) 12/30/92  
Harold H. Beverage, 2BML (2312) 01/27/93  
Stanley M. La Dage, W2EZN (2512) 1/11/93  
Ward Justus, W0LAA (2734) 6/30/90  
Gloria H. McDaniel, W9GHO (2805) 11/11/92\*  
Albert J. Vesce K4CY (2811) 6/30/90  
Edwin A. Segletes, W3WZC (2242)  
William S. Scully, Sr., W6RG (0537) 02/06/93  
Robert B. Thurston, W7PGY (2423) 11/14/92\*  
Thomas A. Bayley, W6NQJ (2375) 11/11/92\*  
Sidney Doroff, N4BUI (2595) 11/11/92\*  
Benjamin P. Lane, W7FNE (2262)\* 11/11/92\*

\*date of passing uncertain.



## Harold Henry Beverage, Silent Key

Harold Henry Beverage, a radio engineer and RCA scientist whose research advanced communications technology, died January 27, 1993. Mr. Beverage held more than 40 patents in his field. He was a co-inventor of the wave antenna and the diversity system for high-frequency reception. He was known world-wide for his famous "Beverage Antenna." The American Institute of Electrical Engineers awarded him, in 1957, its Lamme Gold medal for his pioneering and outstanding achievement in the conception and application of principles basic to progress in national and worldwide radio communication.

Mr. Beverage was born in North Haven, ME, graduated from the University of Maine in 1915 and went to work for General Electric the following year as a radio-laboratory assistant. In 1920, at the age of 27, he was placed in charge of developing receivers for trans-oceanic communications at the Radio Corporation of America. In 1929 the company named him Chief Research Engineer, a position he held until 1940 when he was promoted to vice president in charge of research and development at RCA Communications, Inc. He retired in 1958 but continued as a consultant in communications.

Harold was a member of OOTC (2312). He was one of those who participated in the operation of NBD, the famous WW-I Naval Radio Station at Otter Cliffs, ME described by Brandon Wentworth in his history of "The Fabulous Radio NBD."

**OOTC would like to ask all of its members to take stock of their area and to advise OOTC Headquarters of the existence of Electronic Communications Museums that may be located near you. We will very much like to prepare a listing of all known Museums. Information needed would be the Name, Location, mailing address, name of curator or care-taker, telephone number, a very brief idea as to the extent of, and range of artifacts on display, or available for inspection.**

**We are pretty certain that there is a pretty good sized number of such institutions, and it is our desire to compile and publish a complete listing so that interested persons may take advantage of their offerings. Please give us what you can, as soon as you can.**

### QTC

Sparks, the radio officer on ships is fading away with the 20th Century. Our book, QTC is a nostalgic salute to him. His SOS's saved a million lives. Fellow-sparks enthusiastically applaud! Kemp Richter, K7UQH says "outstanding;" Ken Johnson, W6NKE complains, "can't put the book down," Doug Stivison, NR1A - "best book ever written about the marine operator." Reviewers liked it too - Popular Electronics - "Nostalgic spirit surrounds tales told," - Radio Bygones (UK) - "fascinating book." - Amateur Radio Action (Australia) - "you just have to see QTC." Sorry, hardcovers all sold but paperbacks still available. Write to:

Sequoia Press/KA5HCX  
2502 Cockburn, Austin, Texas 75745  
Telephone 512 442 1311

## OOTC BIRTHDAYS

March, 1993

1. W8SDO
2. W1PCD
3. W7DH, KQ4DD
5. KA6NPV
6. W6MK
7. W0GFQ, W6KJP, DJ5ND, DL8AJ
8. LA1Q, W1AZP, W4COW, W4WNY
9. W3HZT, DL1YK, W6QHL, W6AGZ, N2PLE
10. W9HW, W1JY, W3MMJ, W8TP, W2LDE
11. W6MAZ, DL9YP, ON4QN
12. W2YE, W8AQ, C6ANU, K4NTS, WA0DFF
13. W7BQG, N2FLR
14. W2GA, W1AVY, K4JMH, DJ2SP
15. W5HLH, W6MCV
16. N6BUY
17. K4QM, W8GJX, W7GVC, K6OFZ
19. W9OD, W2QCV, WB5AWJ, W6SMD, N6JSK
20. W1GVV, VE1ACV, HB9JAI, KU6Y
21. W6YN, HA0HN, W3WPY, NZ8X
22. W6CEF, W8KWO
23. K4JI, K4IV, WW5U, W7LLS, N5PEN
25. W1ABE, W5HQA, N5BAK, AA0HN
26. W6PN, N0LAG
27. W7PP
28. W3DJD, DL7AA, DL1NP
29. ZS6AD, W1EFW, W6LDO, W2MJP, N3GOZ
30. W2DMS, KH6CB, W5ALS, JP1BJR, K6UYK
31. KA2OAU, W5FEB, AA4PE, KH6GI, W7LBK, WA5Zfq

April, 1993

1. W4NH, W4UIO, DL3SA, KT20
2. K6QJ, W2WSE, DF7IL
3. DL1YB, W6NPN
4. W3GSI, K8GRO, W5BQE, N7DGZ
5. W1GUP
6. DK5LI
7. W3HNY, W6ABR, W2BGN, W5EJ
8. W9EBY
9. W3DB, DL3QY
10. W8LS, K2IHD, W4AUP, OZ1IYQ
11. DJ0MV, KL7AVX, W6QUE
12. W6PL, K5ABD, K7MD
13. NS3W, K4SSW
14. W6ASN, GM5BDO
15. W6GG, W2HD
16. W7ADT
17. HB9T, K4FQJ, W4NXE
18. W1CTN,
19. W9US, K4FZ, DL7AY, W8WNK, DL6VL
20. K4HYY, W2NBT
21. K6ZUO, K6SS, W1PRT, W6ZRZ

22. K4ZI, W6VH, W6SXW, W1LM, DJ3BE, WA3EXX, N9CJI, W0IWV, KA3KUA, N4OG
23. K6KP, G2WQ, KC2CB, KE4RY
24. W8CWY, W1DMH, K4HDV, NC5K, W4IKU
25. K6BTO, W4OMG, W0LV, W4YE
26. W1LN, W1BML, AA6DI, W3TI, W2RLY
27. VU2MD, W9REC, W3PN
28. VE2IJ, KD8WP, WA2FSR
29. BV2A, DL6TL
30. W9PW, W6SPQ, W3QER, PY2NH, KD6IFL, W6HVR

May, 1993

1. K1UIL, W8FDG, W0IZV
2. W3EVW, W6DQH, W1SZJ
3. W9DBO, HA8CF
4. DL6FBQ, W4RTE
5. W5YB, W8BIF, W4JM
6. WB4ESH, DL1SF, W5UGI
7. W0EFR
8. W6NQJ, N3WW, WD4OCW, K1GHK
9. W0CKI, W8CAT
10. W1AYI, W4JT, W8IHX, KC1HV, WB6VPY, W1JUI
11. W6GED, DL9KJ, AA6LY
12. W6DIX, W3GY, W4ZJV, W7GB
14. WB2HDV, W2IYX, W8FWQ, W6BF
15. W7GEY, W6EHM, DL1VU, KE0KI, W0YCY, N5AD, W1LZW
16. N8DR, W0LR, N6CX, DL7AC, K2SN, W6ONK, N4ITM, DL6MM, WA8LAY, W8KOX
17. SM0HVL
18. K4OV, W5HR
19. W5GPJ
20. W1BGW, W3BY, N3HWA, W8AHB
21. VK6KK, KJ4HQ, W2OEQ
22. W6DXG, KE7K, WK7A, W2QBR
23. K3AU, W8BHT, W2TLC, W4IYT
24. W1PU, W6FQ, W6HDT
25. W3BTR, W6QLO
26. W1PL, DL7CY, KC2PS
27. XE1AX, K6CD
28. W8SK, W9SG, W3HHC, SM0TRT
29. W5DHE, AA6J
30. W0RAL
31. W6EKM, N5NL, W7LVB

OOTC wishes for each member a wonderful birthday and that all will have many many more!

Should your birthday be listed incorrectly, please send a postcard to HQ giving us your full birthday and we'll get it entered and hope that it stays in the machine properly.



**AUGUSTINE J. GIRONDA, W2JE**

Augustine J. Gironda, W2JE (977) passed away January 18, 1993. Gus, affectionately known as "Uncle Gus" began his long career in electronic communications upon joining the U. S. Navy in 1919. Being interested in Wireless, he was sent to the Great Lakes, Illinois training center (NAJ) for the radio course. His first duty post was at shore station NAM, Norfolk, VA. Following a stint there, he was transferred to NAN, Cape Lookout, NC where he operated the shore station. At NAN each message had to be re-sent over the land-lines to Western Union in Morehead, NC - a big job. In 1922 Gus was transferred to the USS Wright, NIRN where he served until discharged at the Philadelphia Naval Yard.

Gus started his amateur career in the Boy Scouts, when, at 14 years of age he built his first spark transmitter with a Ford Coil and a homebrew receiver with a crystal detector. After leaving the Navy he obtained his amateur license in 1923 (2JE). He then went to sea working for the American-Hawaiian Luckenbach and last, with the Oriental-Oceanic SS Company sailing to the China Coast and back to San Francisco. In 1939 Gus went ashore to work for the CAA at one of their stations in Altoona, then transferred to WSY in New York. With advent of WW-II Gus was called to report to Camp Mills, NY for duty with the Signal Company there. He was then sent to Okinawa. Returning to the United States he did a stint in New Foundland as Commander of an AC & W Squadron. Following that he spent three years at Wright Patterson, in charge of the Communications Section, then to Panama as Commander of an AACS Squadron. In 1960 he was sent to Norton Air Force Base as Chief of Communication, Branch Ballistic Missile Systems. Gus was retired in 1962 with disabilities incurred on Okinawa, as Lt. Colonel.

On October 27, 1967, Gus became General Manager of the Quarter Century Wireless Association. Gus brought unlimited enthusiasm and energy into play, and largely through his efforts, QCWA grew by leaps and bounds. He personally visited many local chapters, and hamfests representing QCWA and working to enroll new members. He carried on this work until his resignation on August 1, 1974.

With his duties lightened, Gus then undertook to work with Ray Meyers, W6MLZ, for the betterment of the Old Old Timers Club, and served the organization in official capacity from the time of his election as Secretary/Treasurer, in 1984 until his death.

Gus Gironda, W2JE never failed to go 'the extra mile'. He worked for all of Amateur Radio and inspired many of us to do more than we believed possible, simply by his example. We shall miss him - . Gus was born July 18, 1902, in Larchmount, NY and is survived by his wife, Frances and son, Augustine Jr., WB6MOJ and grandsons. Condolences from the Officers, Directors and members of OOTC, worldwide are extended to the family.

For Uncle Gus, the trail has ended. Those who worked with and for him will forever remember his cheerful outlook and his ability to get things done. Of the literally hundreds of telephone conversations held with Gus throughout the past quarter-century, he never failed to close a conversation with "Watch out for the Swinging Doors!"

Good bye and God Bless, old Friend, we'll watch!

## Meeting our Members

From **Fred Weatherly, WA4QJE(3098)** came two interesting experiences - The first was the typhoon that sunk two DD's and wrecked havoc on the fleet at Okinawa. Our ship, the PC-477 was under way from Hollandia to Leyte Gulf and for four days half the crew was seasick and could care less if we sunk or not - the other half, of which I was one, was scared to death and couldn't get sick if they wanted to. We survived, but it was a harrowing experience I shall never forget.

The Second experience could almost be compared to winning a lottery. No money involved, but the odds seem as great. I had been out of the Navy for some 37 years and retired from Sears Roebuck and Company where I had been a buyer, and had settled down to the retired life. One day my wife and I went to a local mall as she had some shopping to do. Not being enthusiastic with the whole thing, I told her I would go out in the concourse and wait for her. Sitting down on a bench, I noticed a neighborhood-type paper and picked it up. Reading through it an advertisement caught my eye. In so many words it said - 'if you served on a small craft in WW-II, why not join the Patrol Craft Sailors Association.' Well, I served on a small craft so when I got home I sent in the coupon with the amount asked for dues. Here comes the almost unbelievable part of the story; since 1946 I had not had one thing to do, say or hear about the PC-477. When my first copy of "Patrol Craft Sailors Association News" arrived there was a notice that there were a few more copies of "Peter Charlie, The Story of PC-477" still available. It seems that the second skipper, a man named Art Bell, had written a book about the PC-477 and had published it. A few copies were left. Needless to say I ordered one immediately and had the pleasure of seeing profusely illustrated and much detail about the ship that I served on for 19 months. It even listed when I reported aboard at Treasure Island in the South Solomons.

As a result of joining the Association and getting the book I have been able to learn about old shipmates, where they are now and hopefully can attend reunions in the future. - All because I sat down one day and picked up a neighborhood paper in a shopping mall!

One of the shipmates I tried to contact by radio is a ham who left the ship in Manila and became an Australian citizen. His call if VK4CCC, C. A. Lemon, PO Box 283, Thursday Island, QLD 4875.

**John W. Martin, KB7RFE (3102)** learned the code with two other kids and used it as a "secret" code before we had any radio equipment, so was ahead of the game for a week or so in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. Was studying at Oregon Institute of Technology in Portland, on December 7, 1941. Then went to the Circuits in the 8th Signal Service Company, The Alaska Communications System, and after the war, Press Wireless and RCA (in Hollywood and New York respectively). Earned a Ph. D at the University of Washington, taught in Ecuador, Colombia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico. Am now retired from the University of Arizona.

**Fred A. Linn, W9NZF (1729)**, first licensed in 1933 while in high school. In that fall, enrolled in the University of Illinois in Electrical Engineering and in the Signal Corps ROTC. At that time the Engineering department operated a ham station, W9YH. He also operated W9AJG in the Armory as an adjunct to the ROTC curriculum. The two transmitters were identical using 204-A in the final!

"After graduation in 1938, with a Reserve Commission as a 2nd Lt., I went to Ft. Monmouth,



NJ for a years active duty as Radio Officer, 1st Signal Co, 1st Inf. Div. There we trained with the regular army, assisted in the radio schools, and maintained W2HWI, as the ham station in the Signal Co. Barracks. We also had a station, W2LTS, in the Bachelor Officer's quarters. The Signal Co. also manned the Ft Monmouth station in the Governor's net, WLY/WTW - that was the fast CW net handling east coast traffic into the Washington, DC area. I was later transferred to Ft. Sheridan, IL assigned to the 50th Signal Bn., serving 2nd Army for the upcoming maneuvers in Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana. Served as Radio Officer, Co. B, until December 1941, when the Bn. was shipped out to Iceland. Transferred to Ft. Riley, KS, to the 2nd Signal Troop, 2nd Cav. Div., serving there until we were converted to the 9th Armed Div., in the summer of 1942. Served as CO of the 149th Armed Sig. Co., taking it to desert maneuvers in 1943, then to Camp Polk for one more maneuver, then overseas to England.

Went across Omaha Beach, France, Belgium and Luxembourg where we got hit during the Battle of the Bulge. Recovered from that to go through Germany and into Czechoslovakia in 1945. Occupation in Bavaria followed, and returned to the States in 1946. Last assignment was as Division Signal Officer, 9th AD.

Back to civilian employment in various engineering positions, and wound up in Milwaukee with the Singer Co., as their Manager of Engineering, retiring in 1980. Went back to work for a Telecommunications firm, doing Consulting in AM, FM, TV and ITFS, for 8 years and then retiring for good in 1988. Hamming ever since!

**Gordon R. Montgomery, VE3BAZ (3103)** provided us with a capsule view of his activities over the years. "Since early boyhood radio has fascinated me, I was always playing around with receiving sets and in 1930 I built my first Hartley oscillator which had to be abandoned when neighbors complained I was interfering with their radios. During 1940, helped by an RCAF friend, VE2SA, I built my first audio amplifier system and supplied music for many of the RCAF social functions. Association with VE2SA led me to amateur radio. Helped by VE2ER and VE2UN, I studied theory and code and in March, 1947 took the DOT tests and was granted a license with the call VE2KG, held until I moved to Ontario in 1969.

In 1947 I built my first transmitter, a 6L6 oscillator and 807 final, modulated by a pair of 807's using crystal control. My home-made receiver was a single signal super-regenerative with plug in coils, as shown in the 1943 handbook. My first antenna was a folded dipole of 300 ohm ribbon mounted on a 'T' section of 2 x 4's located on our apartment roof. I still have a picture of it, but unfortunately an 80-mile wind brought it crashing down one day.

When we moved to Longueuil, Que, I was prompted to build a beam, in fact 4 of them were eventually built, VE2UN, VE2EX and VE2YT ended up with one. A 4-element close-spaced array using 300 ohm feeders to a 'T' match tuned for 10 meters. It really worked and with it I earned my WAC 28 MHz phone certificate. On a trip to Britain in 1956 I was lucky enough to purchase a new surplus RAF RCA AR88 all-band receiver. I went to 144 MHz, constructing a small transmitter of a VHF section of a '19' set - only a half-watt but it did get out using a small 5-element beam. From this I went to a surplus SCR-522 running 85 watts, AM using a home-made 5 over 5 beam atop the 10-meter beam.

Since the days of home-made and adapted equipment I have used many commercial transceivers such as Swan 500, Yaesu FT200 - and at present have a Kenwood ST 440ST and a 3-element Mosley tribander on a 40-ft tower. For two meters I now use a Kenwood TR 7200G as mobile, and ICOM IC 228H as base and an ICOM IC22 handheld. Antenna is a Cushcraft 22 element beam. Last year we added a Macintosh Plus computer and printer.



Activities include: President of South Shore Amateur Radio Club in St Lambert, Que; Editor of the club's Skyway Magazine; secretary of the VE2RM Repeater club, Montreal; coordinator for the South Shore AREC. My last executive involvement was President of the Peterborough club for 2 years. I concentrate on DX-ing now and recently received my DXCC Certificate. Other awards received are: WAS, WAC, QCWA, IOTA 100 Island of the World award. Am a member of the Peterborough ARC, International Amateur Radio Society, International DX Association and QCWA, Ontario Chapter."

Monty was born in Ottawa and lived many years there and in Montreal. He is married with two daughters. After serving 28 years in the RCAF he studied and became a Minister of the United Church of Canada from which he retired in 1976.

**Mr. Hal Stamm, W2WCT (3077)** wrote of his experiences beginning with his employment as an engineer by Western Electric in New York during WW-II where he worked on test planning of airborne radar. Hal goes on to say, "In 1945 I went with RCA as editor of its technical house organs, including Ham Tips. The stature of this publication was made possible to a large degree by the work of its technical editor, Jim Owens, W5JQE, who contributed many original articles, and he is still active on the air today. Current with my publication work I became advertising manager with responsibility for advertising campaigns of RCA's electron tube and other product lines. Here I was joined by Lin Lessig, K4SV, a pioneer radio amateur who was affiliated with the J. Walter Thompson and Lefton agencies. It was his creative ability which enabled us to produce advertising which became known industry-wide.

It was while at RCA that I earned a Ph.D degree in industrial sociology at New York University, attending classes evenings. My dissertation centered about an attitudinal study of engineers and scientists as it related to their work. My career with RCA spanned more than three decades and came to an end in the mid 1970's when I retired.

Presently I live in Florida and on Martha's Vineyard, an island off the coast of Massachusetts. I am now in process of setting up a new station with the help and advice of my neighbor and friend, Duncan Kreamer, W1GAY, past president of the Old Old Timers Club and now director of its first call area. My call letters which I have held since 1947, are W2WCT."

**Walter M. Seymour, W5OVM (3112)** became interested in radio in grammar school, crystal sets, etc. Attended Fortier HS, in New Orleans, his home town, which had a ham station and radio club. Started learning the code but the station was shut down due to the beginning of WW-II. Attended Gulf Radio School (NOLA) and attained a CW speed of 20 wpm. Dropped out of school and enlisted in the Navy where he was immediately sent to Naval Radio School, then aboard ship (USS General W. C. Langfitt AP-151). After the war's end, attended Gulf Radio School and Delgado Trade School to obtain a commercial Operators License, also acquired a Diploma from National Schools (Los Angeles). Passed exams and received 2nd Class Commercial License and a Class B ham license, W5OVM. A year later obtained the Class A ham ticket which was later changed to Advanced Class. W5OVM held from 7/20/48 continuously to date.

As mentioned before, this issue of SGT has certainly been crowded, and much good material simply has had to be put on the waiting list for the May issue. Please accept our apologies if material you have sent has not appeared. We'll do our best to get it all in the May issue.



# Spark Gap Times

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**Dick Dorrance, PP2ZDD (2697)** wrote of his beginnings in Communications. "I started my radio career by listening for DX broadcast stations in 1925. Graduated to short-wave listening while at college in 1932-33. Obtained first ham license as W1IRO in January, 1935 - 58 years ago, when president and trustee for Dartmouth College Radio Club and it's W1ET.

Moving to New York in 1938, I became W2LEJ, a call I still hold. Am one of the few hams who worked in broadcasting but not in the technical end. Career includes WOR Special Features where I met and got to know well, Major Edwin Armstrong and the late Jack Poppele, WOR Chief Engineer. Through them, became general manager of FM Broadcasters, Inc., the first national trade association of FM Stations. Rejected for military service (eyes), I served as aide to Elmer Davis, head of Office of War Information, in Washington. From there to Director of Promotion for CBS owned stations. Headed own advertising agency for five years. Then Director of Press and public Relations for Mutual Broadcasting System, 1950-51. Returned to own business for 28 years as Dorrance & Company until retirement in 1980 when I came to Brazil with Brazilian XYL and got reciprocal call of PP2ZDD.



Dick at his operating Position, PP2ZDD, Goiania, Brazil

During lifetime I have also operated as HR1BA, HH2DD, W2LEJ/KP4 and now PP2ZDD. Keep almost daily skeds with friends in States, SSB on 21422. Also had second station call as K2EAD until those were abolished. In lifetime have had three DXCC, also a WAZ, WAS on five bands, winners for Brazil of many ARRL and CQ contests, two plaques for South America. Present DXCC total from Brazil is 285. Use TH6-DXX on 65-foot tower. Goiania is a large inland city of Brazil with one and a half million population." Ed: Dick hasn't let a lot of grass grow under his feet!

A Short note from John G. Troster, W6ISQ giving us his birthday information. Thanks for the help, John. Hope everyone does that for us!



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